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LEGISLATION ON ANIMAL HUSBANDRY
AND PRODUCE EXCHANGES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

DECREE REGULATING BREEDING AND SLAUGHTER OF CALVES -- Prague, Uredni List, 12 Jun 52

In accordance with laws pertaining to the food industry, animal husbandry, and agricultural production, the Czechoslovak Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Crop Purchase have decreed that:

1. National committees are responsible for the fulfillment of the plan to raise calves and to purchase them for slaughtering purposes, as well as for their transfer to insure the stipulated number of cattle on hand and delivery of calves for slaughter in each area.
2. Permission of the MNV (Local National Committee) is required before calves can be sold for slaughter.
 - a. In cases where farmers and JZD (Unified Agricultural Cooperatives) are not sure of being able to fulfill their cattle-raising plan or even the cattle-delivery plan, permission to sell calves for slaughter shall be granted only for animals considered to be unfit for breeding. Where there is doubt, particularly in the case of the village rich, the MNV (Local National Committee) shall obtain the expert opinion of a veterinarian.
 - b. The MNV shall issue permission in such a manner as to insure the fulfillment of the plan for delivering calves for slaughter as well as to insure the required number of cattle on hand.
3. In cases where farmers are sure of being able to fulfill both their plans for maintaining the required number of cattle on hand and their plan for delivery and production of meat for the entire year and for the individual quarters of the year, permission to sell for slaughter calves fit for breeding may be granted, provided that:
 - a. The remaining farmers in the obec can be sure of fulfilling their plan for maintaining the required number of cattle on hand.

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b. The calves in question are not of the type particularly desirable for breeding, i.e., heifers and bull calves from registered cows.

c. The ONV (Okres National Committee), after a hearing by the MNV, has not ordered the obec to raise calves in addition to the regular plan, so as to transfer them to insure the fulfillment of the okres plan for maintaining the required number of cattle on hand.

Where the MNV has refused to grant permission for the sale of calves for slaughter for this reason, the decision shall be communicated to the ONV and to the Okres Crop Purchasing organization; the latter shall purchase the calves set aside for this purpose, on orders from the ONV.

4. Farmers who have not fulfilled the plan for maintaining the required number of cattle on hand, or who do not expect to be able to fulfill the cattle delivery plan, shall be directed by the MNV to obtain breeding calves from breeders in obecs where the sale of calves for slaughter has been prohibited, according to Section 3 above, or, should such calves not be available, purchase them from the JZD warehouses.

Purchasing warehouses shall provide the necessary number of suitable calves for JZD and State Farms which have no expectation of being able to fulfill the assignments of the cattle production and delivery plan. Arrangements for receiving such calves shall be made by the ONV, in cooperation with the JZD and State Farms concerned.

DISCONTINUATION OF PRODUCE EXCHANGES -- Prague, Sbirka Zakonu, 31 Jul 52

The government of Czechoslovakia has ordered that:

1. The Prague, Brno, and Bratislava Produce Exchanges shall be discontinued. Their property, obligations, etc., shall be transferred to the state. The Ministry of Agriculture, in conjunction with the Ministries of Finance, Internal Trade, Crop Purchase, Food Industry, and Foreign Trade, shall carry out the necessary liquidation.

2. The quality and delivery indexes established by the Produce Exchanges, in accordance with existing regulations, shall remain in force until superseded.

Following mutual agreement the pertinent ministries shall establish the necessary organs to provide expert opinion and certification with regard to the quality of agricultural produce and products therefrom, and shall examine samples from such produce or products.

3. Regulations conflicting with this regulation are hereby rescinded.

4. This regulation becomes effective 1 September 1952 and is to be enforced by the Minister of Agriculture.

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